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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE GROUP:

SUBJECT: Suggested Conference Relating to Intelligence Libraries.

In connection with the series of intelligence coordinating meetings going forward under the auspices of the Intelligence Coordinating and Planning Staff, it is suggested that the CIG sponsor the formation of an interdepartmental group composed of representatives from the various departmental intelligence libraries.

Such a group might serve to arrange for an increase in the availability and an improvement in the servicing of positive intelligence now held in the intelligence libraries and files of the government. One of its aims should be to define, in coordination with similar policies being determined in the fields of collection, departmental areas of responsibility in the maintenance of permanent files of intelligence materials, and to develop means for an expeditious exchange of specific intelligence materials amongst the various libraries.

Should such an interdepartmental group be established, it is believed that the several intelligence units within the government could depend upon a marked improvement in the amount of intelligence available to them for the prosecution of their particular functions.

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